

AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 77

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 1973

- 1 The House met, at half-past eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J. F. Cope) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following honourable Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Adermann, Mr Bennett, Mr Berinson, Mr Bonnett, Mr Bury, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Collard, Mr Cooke, Mr Corbett, Mr Drummond, Mr Drury, Mr Erwin, Mr Giles, Mr Hewson, Mr Jarman, Mr Katter, Mr Kelly, Mr Killen, Mr MacKellar, Mr McLeay, Mr Nixon, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Reynolds, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr I. L. Robinson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Wallis, Mr Whittorn and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the existing national health scheme.
- Mr Bonnett, Mr Bury, Mr Corbett, Mr Drummond, Mr Drury, Mr Erwin, Mr Fisher, Mr Fox, Mr Giles, Mr Graham, Mr Hewson, Mr Jarman, Mr Katter, Mr Kelly, Mr King, Mr Lucock, Mr McLeay, Mr McMahon, Mr Nixon, Mr O'Keefe, Mr E. L. Robinson, Mr I. L. Robinson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Staley, Mr Street, Mr Whittorn and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House acknowledge the right of every Australian child to equal grants of Government money spent on education.
- Mr C. R. Cameron (Minister for Labour), Mr Erwin, Mr Giles, Mr Hewson, Mr King and Mr Lamb—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House immediately revoke all Australian whaling licences and ban the importation of all whale produce.
- Mr Bury, Mr England, Mr Fisher, Mr Graham, Mr Olley and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House see that television is used to build into the nation integrity, teamwork and a sense of purpose by serving, and to bring faith in God to the heart of the family and national life.
- Mr King, Mr MacKellar and Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to include "God Save The Queen" in any referendum or poll to decide a national anthem.
- Mr Killen and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the House will at once take steps to dedicate as a National Park an area of at least 1,436 square miles as recommended by the Northern Territory Reserves Board.
- Mr Reynolds—from certain citizens of Australia praying that the House urge the Government to retain the national anthem.
- Petitions received.

- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 4 PAPERS: The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Capital Territory Police—Report for year 1972–73.

The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute:

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—First Report, for period 1 October 1972 to 30 June 1973.

Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Board—

Twenty-fifth Report, for period 1 July to 30 September 1972.

First Report on Part III of the Act, for period 1 October 1972 to 30 June 1973.

Immigration (Education) Act—Migrant Education Program—Report for year 1972–73.

Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—Seventh Annual Report, for year 1972–73.

Metric Conversion Act—Metric Conversion Board—Third Annual Report, for year 1972–73, together with report by the Minister on the operation of the Act.

- 5 EDUCATION OF RECREATION WORKERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND REPORT: Mr Stewart (Minister for Tourism and Recreation), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a report on the education of recreation workers, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:

Education of recreation workers—Report by Mr E. Hamilton-Smith to the Minister for Tourism and Recreation.

Mr Lynch (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the report.

- 6 TURTLE FARMING PROJECT IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND REPORTS: Mr L. F. Bowen (Special Minister of State), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to reports on a turtle farming project in northern Australia, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following papers:

Turtle farming project in northern Australia—

Report by Mr L. P. Smart on an enquiry into organisation, management and market prospects of the project, dated October 1973.

Report by Professor A. F. Carr and Professor A. R. Main on an enquiry into ecological implications of the project, dated October 1973.

Mr Hunt, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the reports.

Mr Bowen, by leave, made a further statement with reference to the reports.

Mr Wentworth and Mr Gorton, by leave, also made statements with reference to the reports.

- 7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:
4 December 1973—Message No. 116—Seas and Submerged Lands 1973.

- 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SHORTAGES OF GOODS: Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Anthony (Leader of the Australian Country Party) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The serious inconvenience and disruption being caused to the lives of the Australian people by widespread shortages of goods”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Anthony addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Jarman (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

One hundred and forty-eighth Report—Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (Appropriation Acts 1972–73).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Jarman, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (MODE OF ALTERING THE CONSTITUTION) BILL 1974 [1973]: The following message from the Senate was reported:

MR SPEAKER,

Message No. 178

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to facilitate alterations to the Constitution and to allow Electors in Territories, as well as Electors in the States, to vote at Referendums on Proposed Laws to alter the Constitution*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 4 December 1973

MAGNUS CORMACK,
President

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Clause 2, leave out paragraph (c).

No. 2—Title, leave out “To facilitate alterations to the Constitution and”.

Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) moved—That the amendments be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

AYES, 59

Mr Armitage	Mr Crean	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder
Mr Barnard	Mr Daly	Mr James	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Bennett	Mr Davies	Dr Jenkins	Mr Olley
Mr Berinson	Mr Doyle	Mr L. K. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr Birrell	Mr Duthie	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Bryant	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Dr Cairns	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Fulton	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Mr Coates	Mr Grassby	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	Mr Hansen
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 52

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Bourchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McMahon	Mr Whittorn
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Cooke	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hewson	Mr O’Keefe	
Mr Drummond	Mr Holten	Mr Peacock	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr E. L. Robinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr I. L. Robinson	Mr England
Mr Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

Mr Whitlam moved—That the report be adopted.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

AYES, 61

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr James	Mr Olley
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Daly	Dr Jenkins	Dr Patterson
Mr Barnard	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bennett	Mr Doyle	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Berinson	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Birrell	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Mr L. F. Bowen	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
Mr Bryant	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Dr Cairns	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Dr Cass	Mr Grassby	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Coates	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	
Mr Cohen	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	
Mr Collard	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	Mr Hansen
Mr Crean	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 52

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Viner
Mr Calder	Mr Gorton	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Graham	Mr McMahan	Mr Whittorn
Mr Chipp	Mr Hallett	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Cooke	Mr Hamer	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hewson	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Drummond	Mr Holten	Mr Peacock	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr E. L. Robinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr I. L. Robinson	Mr England
Mr Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Whitlam moved—That Mr Barnard (Minister for Defence), Dr Cairns (Minister for Overseas Trade), and the mover be appointed a committee to draw up reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Whitlam, on behalf of the committee, brought up such reasons, which were read, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate

The Senate's amendments are not acceptable because they would remove the important provisions of the Bill that would enable the Constitution to be altered by a national majority and a majority in not less than one half of the States. These provisions are necessary because the existing requirement of Section 128 of the Constitution (that the proposal to alter the Constitution must be approved by a majority of States as well as a majority of electors voting) has proved a stumbling-block to desirable reforms, as evidenced by the history of proposals to alter the Constitution.

Mr Whitlam moved—That the committee's reasons be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 SEWERAGE AGREEMENTS BILL 1973: Mr Uren (Minister for Urban and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Agreements between Australia and each of the States in respect of the Provision of Financial Assistance for Sewerage Works.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Uren moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate, by leave, ensued.
 Mr Gorton was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
 Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 STOKES HILL POWER STATION, DARWIN—STAGE 6 EXTENSION—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1973*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of stage 6 extension of the Stokes Hill power station, Darwin.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

- 13 DRIPSTONE HIGH SCHOOL, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr L. R. Johnson (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved, pursuant to notice—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969–1973*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of Dripstone high school, Darwin.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

- 14 EXTRADITION (FOREIGN STATES) BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill in committee, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 EXTRADITION (COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES) BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Enderby (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the amendment made by the House in the following Bill:
 5 December 1973—Message No. 179—Customs 1973.
- 17 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 to 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 18 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (NO. 2) 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Cairns (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise), the Bill was read a third time.

- 19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BILL 1973: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 180

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to establish an Industries Assistance Commission*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MAGNUS CORMACK,
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 5 December 1973

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- No. 1—Page 9, clause 20, after sub-clause (2), insert the following new sub-clause:

“(3) A Commissioner shall not exercise any power by this Act conferred upon him in any matter in which he has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest unless his interest—

(a) is recorded in the minutes, and

(b) is disclosed in any report in which he participates.”.

- No. 2—Page 9, clause 22, sub-clause (1), after paragraph (a), insert the following new paragraph:

“(aa) encourage those economic activities in Australia, and the producers of the goods and services concerned, which contribute to improving the efficiency with which the community’s productive resources are used;”.

- No. 3—Page 10, clause 23, line 42, at end of sub-clause (3) add “or to provide financial assistance to an industry in accordance with, or for the purposes of, a law of Australia that is passed or made after the commencement of this Act and before 1 July 1974”.

- No. 4—Page 11, clause 23, sub-clause (4), lines 11 to 20, leave out paragraphs (f) and (g), insert the following paragraphs:

“(f) whether financial assistance for a period exceeding two years should be provided to an industry by the Australian Government, whether or not any financial assistance has previously been provided to that industry by the Australian Government;

“(g) whether financial assistance for a period not exceeding two years should be provided by the Australian Government to an industry to which financial assistance (not being financial assistance provided after inquiry

and report by the Commission or the Tariff Board) has previously been provided by the Australian Government, where—

- (i) the period, or the sum of the periods, of the financial assistance that has previously been so provided (excluding so much of that period or those periods as occurred more than six years before the commencement of the period of the proposed further financial assistance or occurred before the commencement of this Act) is not less than two years; or
- (ii) the sum of so much of the period or periods of the financial assistance that has previously been so provided as is required to be taken into account under sub-paragraph (i) and the period of the proposed further financial assistance exceeds two years; or”.

No. 5—Page 11, clause 23, lines 22 and 23, leave out “twelve months”, insert “two years”.

No. 6—Page 11, clause 23, lines 25 to 29, leave out sub-clause (5).

No. 7—Pages 10–12, clause 23, after “industry” (wherever occurring), insert the following words, “or to a particular group or groups of primary or secondary industries”.

No. 8—Page 12, clause 24, line 23, leave out “six years”, insert “ten years”.

No. 9—Page 13, clause 25, lines 19 and 20, leave out the clause, insert the following clause—

“25. (1) There shall be a Temporary Assistance Authority, comprising not more than three persons, appointed by the Governor-General on a full-time or on a part-time basis as appropriate.

(2) Members of the Temporary Assistance Authority shall hold office under such terms and conditions as the Governor-General determines.”.

Consequential amendments:

Page 13, clause 26, lines 24 and 25, leave out “he may request the Chairman to nominate a Commissioner”, insert “he may request the Temporary Assistance Authority”.

Pages 13 to 14, clause 27, leave out the clause, insert the following clause:

“27. (1) Upon receipt of a request under section 26, the Temporary Assistance Authority shall forthwith undertake the inquiry.

(2) The Temporary Assistance Authority undertaking an inquiry under this section in relation to any goods shall conduct the inquiry in such manner as it thinks fit.”.

Page 14, clause 28, leave out “Commissioner” (wherever occurring), insert “Temporary Assistance Authority”.

Page 14, clause 29, leave out “Commissioner” (wherever occurring), insert “Temporary Assistance Authority”.

Page 15, clause 30, line 9, leave out “Commissioner”, insert “Temporary Assistance Authority”.

Page 16, clause 31, line 7, leave out “Commissioner”, insert “Temporary Assistance Authority”.

On the motion of Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Whitlam, the House adopted the report.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

5 December 1973—Message No. 181—Customs Tariff (No. 2) 1973.

- 21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SCHOOLS COMMISSION BILL 1973: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 183

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to make provision for and in relation to the Establishment of a Schools Commission*", and acquaints the House that the Senate insists upon its Amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

The Senate desires the reconsideration of the Bill in respect of the Amendments.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5 December 1973

MAGNUS CORMACK,
President

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr L. F. Bowen (Acting Minister for Education) moved—That the House insists on disagreeing to the amendments insisted on by the Senate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55

Mr Armitage	Mr Daly	Mr James	Mr Mulder
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Davies	Dr Jenkins	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Berinson	Mr Doyle	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Olley
Mr Birrell	Mr Duthie	Mr L. R. Johnson	Dr Patterson
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Reynolds
Mr Bryant	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Sherry
Dr Cass	Mr Fulton	Mr Lamb	Mr Stewart
Mr Coates	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	Mr Thorburn
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr McKenzie	Mr Wallis
Mr Collard	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Crean	Mr Innes	Mr Morris	Mr Hansen
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morrison	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 45

Mr Adermann	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Staley
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Wentworth
Mr Cooke	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	Mr Whittorn
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	
Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr Peacock	Mr England
Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 22 AUSTRALIAN APPLE AND PEAR CORPORATION BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr Street who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: "whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading and while supporting the establishment of an Apple and Pear Corporation this House deplores the failure of the Government to provide—

- (a) immediate financial assistance by way of proper compensation for loss inflicted on exporters in the 1973 season by revaluations of the Australian currency;

- (b) adjustment of the stabilization scheme to provide for increased costs and freight rates;
- (c) a guarantee to growers for cost of export for the current season; and
- (d) elected representation of growers to the Corporation as promised by its spokesmen prior to the last election”.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Grassby—Minister for Immigration), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (MODE OF ALTERING THE CONSTITUTION) BILL 1974 [1973]: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 184

MR SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to facilitate alterations to the Constitution and to allow Electors in Territories, as well as Electors in the States, to vote at Referendums on Proposed Laws to alter the Constitution*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate insists upon its Amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

The Senate desires the reconsideration of the Bill in respect of the Amendments.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5 December 1973

MAGNUS CORMACK,
President

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr Whitlam (Prime Minister) moved—That the House insists on disagreeing to the amendments insisted on by the Senate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 56

Mr Armitage	Mr Davies	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Doyle	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Barnard	Mr Duthie	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Dr Everingham	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Mr Coates	Mr Grassby	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Dr Gun	Mr Mathews	
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Morris	
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	
Mr Crean	Mr Innes	Mr Mulder	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Hansen
Mr Daly	Mr James	Mr Olley	Mr Nicholls

NOES, 44

Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Staley
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Street
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	
Mr Cooke	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr Nixon	
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr O’Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr England
Mr Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr I. L. Robinson	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Whitlam moved—That the Bill be laid aside.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

AYES, 56

Mr Armitage	Mr Doyle	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Duthie	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Barnard	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr Fulton	Mr Lamb	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	Mr Wallis
Mr Coates	Mr Grassby	Mr McKenzie	Mr Whan
Mr Cohen	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	
Mr Crean	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Daly	Mr James	Mr Oldmeadow	Mr Hansen
Mr Davies	Dr Jenkins	Mr Olley	Mr Nicholls

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Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Cooke	Mr Hewson	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	
Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr England
Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 24 ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED: It being past fifteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Daly (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

- 25 AUSTRALIAN APPLE AND PEAR CORPORATION BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Street, viz.*—That all the words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading and while supporting the establishment of an Apple and Pear Corporation this House deplores the failure of the Government to provide—

- immediate financial assistance by way of proper compensation for loss inflicted on exporters in the 1973 season by revaluations of the Australian currency;
- adjustment of the stabilization scheme to provide for increased costs and freight rates;
- a guarantee to growers for cost of export for the current season, and
- elected representation of growers to the Corporation as promised by its spokesmen prior to the last election”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Cope, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55

Mr Armitage	Mr Davies	Mr James	Mr Oldmeadow
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Doyle	Dr Jenkins	Mr Olley
Mr Barnard	Mr Duthie	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Scholes
Mr Birrell	Dr Everingham	Mr Keating	Mr Sherry
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Keogh	Mr Stewart
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Kerin	Mr Thorburn
Mr Coates	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Grassby	Mr McKenzie	Mr Wallis
Mr Collard	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	Mr Whan
Mr Connor	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	Mr Willis
Mr Crean	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Cross	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	Mr Hansen
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Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr Cooke	Mr Hewson	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Corbett	Mr Holten	Mr Maisey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Drury	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	Mr England
Mr Edwards	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Fox
Mr Erwin	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 117, dated 29 November 1973, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Lloyd moved the following amendment: Clause 7, page 4, omit sub-clause (3).

Debate continued.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Scholes, in the Chair)—

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Mr Armitage	Mr Davies	Dr Jenkins	Mr Olley
Mr Ashley-Brown	Mr Doyle	Mr L. K. Johnson	Mr Reynolds
Mr Barnard	Mr Duthie	Mr L. R. Johnson	Mr Sherry
Mr Berinson	Mr Enderby	Mr Keating	Mr Stewart
Mr Birrell	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Thorburn
Mr L. F. Bowen	Mr FitzPatrick	Mr Kerin	Mr Uren
Mr Bryant	Mr Fulton	Mr Lamb	Mr Wallis
Mr C. R. Cameron	Mr Garrick	Mr Luchetti	Mr Whan
Mr Coates	Mr Grassby	Mr McKenzie	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Dr Gun	Mr Martin	
Mr Collard	Mr Hayden	Mr Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Connor	Mr Hurford	Mr Morris	Mr Hansen
Mr Crean	Mr Innes	Mr Morrison	Mr Nicholls
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mulder	
Mr Daly	Mr James	Mr Oldmeadow	

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Mr Adermann	Mr Fairbairn	Mr King	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Staley
Mr Bonnett	Dr Forbes	Mr Lucock	Mr Street
Mr Bouchier	Mr Fraser	Mr Lynch	Mr Turner
Mr Bury	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Wentworth
Mr Calder	Mr Hallett	Mr McLeay	Mr Whittorn
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hamer	Mr McVeigh	
Mr Cooke	Mr Hewson	Mr Maisey	
Mr Corbett	Mr Hunt	Mr Nixon	
Mr Drury	Mr Jarman	Mr O'Keefe	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr E. L. Robinson	Mr England
Mr Erwin	Mr Kelly	Mr I. L. Robinson	Mr Fox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 26 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration), the Bill was read a third time.

- 27 APPLE AND PEAR EXPORT CHARGES BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration), the Bill was read a third time.

- 28 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY COLLECTION BILL 1973: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Grassby (Minister for Immigration), the Bill was read a third time.

- 29 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Daly (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until eleven o'clock p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at ten o'clock a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 December 1973, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment certificate—R. J. Reed.

Navigation Act—Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations—Determination of 21 May 1970—Amendment dated 29 November 1973.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Garland*, Mr Jones, Mr Killen, Dr Klugman* and Mr Riordan.

* On leave

N. J. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives